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## MR. CARNEGIE AND THE RAILROADS.

and buried project.

THE DISPATCH is certainly not desirous wished to believe the reports which created | serving the public. the common understanding referred to, and Railroad has been based.

of commercial and industrial profits; it is a toward those of privilege, question of public justice and enforcement of fundamental law. One of the greatest

ready to join hands with any one who is ready to support that issue.

# THE PETITION HABIT.

A story disseminates itself over the country from Washington that Hicks, of Wisconsin, who has just been nominated Senator Sawyer and asked him to sign it. Department at present. Signing was the easiest way for Sawver to get out of the scrape, and so the Senawith a very indefinite knowledge as to who what it all meant until he was confronted with his own signature, and then he could say no more. Hicks will guide our diplomacy with Peru, and Sawyer has no re-Halstend.

A QUESTION OF CALIBER.

The difference that can be exhibited in Times with a couple of reminiscences of Lincoln and Grant, to which the attention of the Senators is respectfully directed.

Admiral Porter at one time wrote some letters viciously attacking General Grant. When Farragut died and the promotion of Porter to his position by Grant as President was under consideration these letters were brought out, and Porter hastened to Grant to explain and apologize. Grant refused to listen to him and took action by promptly sending his nomination to the

These illustrations of how some great leaders are able to separate their personal feelings from the public service should be studied by the Senate. But it is doubtful whether it will do any good. The element that is necessary to make the Senators perceive that their personal spites are not a public affair, is caliber.

# SEATS AND CHAMPAGNE.

When the Four Hundred of New York City and the less gilded but more combative Legislature of New York State come into conflict the latter are triumphant. That is Penitentiary last night, contained another at least the outcome of the great struggle suggestion that green walls in wet weather over the right of the statesmen to free seats | don't fully meet the requirements of safe on the grand stand at the inauguration cen- architecture. The damage was not large,

cated their majesty. The aristocratic plot that institution by way of Harrisburg. to exclude the representatives of the people from the stand has been defeated, and if the eagle does not scream, it can be taken as beyond question that the roosters are crowing. The lights of Marray Hill must subget some of the railroad land grants for the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, and if the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, and if the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until recently Medical Director of the Department of Aricandle, until Director of the

phy and Drydollar Sullivan, together with their wives, sisters, cousins and aunts, or and supply might be better adjusted. stay out of the show. One thousand seats was the tribute paid by the conquered Four Hundred to the victorious legislators, and at that price peace reigns once more.

Perhaps the aristocratic surrender would not have been quite so complete if the mental powers of their leaders had not been struggling with another mighty problem. The question as to the kind of champagne to be served at the centennial banquet has been agitating the New Yorkers. A large element of public opinion calls for sweetness and light in its champagne. But the stern McAllister sets a high standard for the occasion, and demands that the principle of drinking extra dry champagnes must be adhered to, with such firmness as to produce the shocking suggestion that he is an agent in disguise for his favorite brands. When this forms the subject of editorial discussion it is evident that the metropolitan mind is so engressed with this topic that it ... \$ s co | cannot be expected to keep the legislators

> in their proper, or improper, place. With such details does New York introduce its Centennial celebration. They are certainly successful in marking the fact that they are an entire century distant from the days of our fathers.

### SONS OF THEIR FATHERS.

Some of the rather sharp comments on the feature of appointments which are awarded by virtue of the recipients' parent-age calls forth the Brooklyn Eagle to the Berlin is £123,000. There are three others defense. This apology commences with de-Mr. Andrew Carnegie's response, else- claring: "The worthy and accomplished son where, to the editorial reference in THE of Abraham Lincoln will go to London DISPATCH of yesterday, to "the common just as the modest and scholarly son of £10,000. understanding that he was one of the prime Ulysses S. Grant will go to Vienna. There John Bright was not a man whose reading agents in destroying the South Penn enteris a fragrance of sentiment in these nomilia a fragrance of sentiment in these nomilanguage but English, and seldom read transprise," is an interesting and important ad- nations. There is no principle of heredity dition to the records of that apparently dead | in them, proletariat alarms to the contrary notwithstanding." From which the Eagle history through his close study of Milton's goes on to argue that the greatness of men's poetry, but he devoted most of his time to the of misrepresenting Mr. Carnegie, nor has it fathers should not prevent their sons from

Certainly not. No one has ever claimed which have remained uncontradicted till that it should. Mr. Lincoln's appointment was as broad as humanity in his sympathics. new. It is much more pleasant to receive has received universal commendation be-Mr. Carnegie's assurance that he was a de- cause the character of the recipient has been voted and unswerving friend of the project, established by his own efficiency and ability and only succumbed to the adverse fates which decreed the death of that enterprise.

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Mr. Carnegie's declaration of his own frame. tainable on that point. It must be accepted nent to ask what the sentiment is in the as conclusive, although he declines to pro- case of Colonel Grant, for instance, except long an unpleasant controversy by answer- that of rewarding the son with public place ing in detail the allegations on which the on account of the great services of the theory of his friendship to the Pennsylvania | father? What is that but the principle of heredity?

It is all the more grateful to accept this The sons of eminent sires are just as ever, is still open. declaration of Mr. Carnegie's attitude, be- much entitled to political preferment, when cause his declaration in favor of State they have proved their ability and integrity, legislation to prevent discriminations and as any one else who has done the same. The secure equitable rates on Pittsburg freight sons who have not that ability or integrity is an indorsement of the position which should be mercifully kept in the back-THE DISPATCH has constantly held for ground. Any other rule of action is a demany years. This is not merely a question parture from the principles of democracy

restraints on the Pennsylvania Railroad's | In reply to some comments about the supremacy in this State would have been | favor which the Republican administration the creation of a competing line through is showing toward editors, the New York the State; but it has always been our con- Sun says: "The Post-Express would have tention that the requirements of the Con- done well to walt until the nomination of stitution on the regulation of our corpora- Mr. Halstead had been disposed of in the tions should be enforced by statute law.

We have urged that principle in season and out of season; and when Mr. Carnegie declares his intention of taking up that fight we are glad to welcome him as an invaluation of the fact that the great mass of votes about it.

Senate before concluding that the editor is in much higher favor in the Republican party than in the Democratic." But this ray of the brilliant Sun appears to overshoot the fact that the great mass of votes and sometimes two round trips at a time shoot the fact that the great mass of votes are glad to welcome him as an invaluation. tions should be enforced by statute law. Senate before concluding that the editor is shoot the fact that the great mass of shie ally to the good cause, as we have done before.

Whatever allegations there may be as to the manner in which the South Penn was done to death, Mr. Carnegie's present position is indisputably right. The Disparch always has been and always will be ready to join hands with any one who is licanism, is not decided; but at present the balance is decidedly on the side of the Republicans, as regards holding the editors in favor. That is, of course, the editors of Republican organs.

PRESIDENT HARRISON having demonfor Minister to Peru, is an accident of the strated that Blaine is not entirely running petition habit. The number of those who this administration, Postmaster General have ever heard of Hicks is very small; but Wanamaker seems to be taking his turn from some quarter it is told that Hicks with a little evidence to the effect that Senwhile carrying around his petition met ator Quay is not operating the Postoffice

THE difference between what a man sale at torial signature went on Hicks' petition | the start, and what he is willing to take, is illustrated by Wm. O. Bradley, of Kentucky. Hicks was. When the petition reached the He commenced last summer as a Vice Presi-President he concluded that Sawyer's sig- dental candidate and winds up by taking the nature ought to youch for Hicks, and the Corean mission. Likewise Mr. Platt, who latter got the plum. Sawver did not know was going to be a Cabinet officer, is now only anxious to control some New York patronage. There is a slight suggestion in these centlemen's ambitions of the Italian image vender who asks fifteen dollars for a venge except to take it out of Musat plaster specimen of art and snaps you up when you offer him fifty cents.

ADVICES from Cincinnati are to the effect that the politics of Hamilton county, Ohio, the methods of asserting dignity, is perti- may shape themselves up for the purpose of nently set forth by the Philadelphia shaking the toundations of the dignity of the United States Senate.

THE announcement that ex-President During the war, General Hooker in- Cleveland and his charming wife will spend dulged in some very injudicious criticisms | the summer at Bar Harbor, the Adironof President Lincoln's administration, and dacks, Saratogs, and other places too numereven hinted at the establishment of a mili- ous to mention, would have been promptly tary dictatorship. Mr. Lincoln's sole no- recognized last summer as advertising for tice of this outhreak was when he appointed the watering places. But as the ex-Presi-Hooker Commander of the Army of the dent is now merely a private citizen, the re-Potomac, and suggested to him that newal of the announcement causes a sort of only victorious Generals could become dic- mild wonder as to who is getting advertised this year.

> WE are glad to notice one thing in connection with the Senate's recent setion. Senator Ingalls did not object to Murat Halstead on account of his too great plainness of speech.

Tur appearance of Uncle Dan Rice with the claim that his wife must dance in New York's centennial quadrille because she is a descendant of Alexander Hamilton, is expected to bother the leaders of the Four Hundred. But it will not. After they have surrendered to the New York Legislature, they cannot be troubled by the proximity of a merely respectable circus clown

AFTER all, the lamb prevailed at both ends of March, except on the speculative exchange. There his persistent absence makes it very cold weather for the manipu-

THE work of the wind at the Riverside but this wind got in its work more severely The legislators have, in this case, vindi- than the wind of criticism which blew upon

mit to be elbowed by Hon. Michael Mur- which no fair consideration was given opened up, the relations between der

To President Harrison-Drop another outspoken editor's nomination into the slot

and see the Senate get up on its hind legs

# PUBLIC PEOPLE PARAGRAPHED.

and assert its alleged dignity.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW calls Senator Evarts e "maximum of the mental and the minimum of the adinose." MARION CRAWFORD, the novelist, has conquered the cigarette habit after a long strag-gle. But the habit of writing two or three

novels a year when he ought to write but one in two years still clings to him. AMONG the speakers at the Scotch-Irish Congress at Columbia, Tenn., in May will be Dr. John Hall. Dr. MacCracken, Mr. Robert Bonner, Colonel A. K. McClure, Mr. Henry W. Grady and Senator Vance.

GEORGE H. LORING, when told by a correpondent that he had been nominated for Min ister to Portugal, was taken completely by sur-prise, and had not, he said, been consulted by either the President or Secretary Blaine. SISTER BENEDICTA, superior of the new Baltimore City Hospital, has received a check for \$150, forwarded by order of Emperor William of Germany, for the benefit, of the institution. The money will be used to furnish a room in the building when completed, which will be named in honor of the Kaiser.

THE largest taxpayer in Germany is Herr Krupp, the Essen gunmaker, who pays £6,480, on an income of £219,000; and nextcomes Baron Willy de Rothschild, of Frankfort-on-Main, with an income of £205,000 and a tax of £5,940. whose incomes vary from £48,000 to £57,000, and there are six more who have upward of £30,000 a year each. There are also 166 persons in Ber-hn whose incomes are between £6,000 and

lations of the Latin and Greek classics. He learned something of mythology and ancient great questions of his own day. He had no special knowledge of science and was not an enthusiast regarding art. But while in a cer-tain sense he was narrow in his attainments, he In the Physiological Society of Berlin, Prof. Moebius has given the results of his investigations into the habits of flying fish, and the re-sults are not those which are usually put forth When they are frightened they shoot up out of the water, as many other fish do, and are then, under favorable circumstances, carried along by the wind. In answer to the objection that the wings of flying fish buzz as they skip along over the waves, Prof. Mocbius showed that the fins of dead flying fish do the same when they are blown with a bellows. The question, how-

### NOVEL CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

Doctors' Bills Saved by Daily Rides on Electric Cars. ANSONIA, CONN., March 31 .- People afflicted with rheumatism and neuralgic pains in this place have a new fad. Ever since the electric street railway between Ansonia and Birming-ham has been in operation it has been noticed ham has been in operation it has been noticed that certain persons make it a point to ride up and down on the electric cars at least once a day. The system employed here takes the electric current from an overhead wire, and the motor is in a small compartment in the front end of the car, being separated from the passengers by only a light partition. These persons generally manage to sit as near this partition as possible, and they lean their heads against it when they can. A reporter asked a conductor about it.

me that a round trip cures 'em every time. One of them tells me that she is so sensitive to the electric current that she can feel it as soon as the car starts, while another says she can't feel it all, but feels the effect after the ride."

# A FIGHTING SONGSTER.

A Courageons Mocking Bird Attacks and Kills a Large Rat. LOUISVILLE, March 31 .- Dr. S. L. Butts, o. the Wayt Dental Company, of this city, has a the Wayt Dental Company, of this city, has a white mocking bird, a species remarkable for its rarity. One afternoon the Doctor had been feeding his pet and left the cage on the floor with the door open. The bird was in the cage pecking at some seeds, when a large rat entered, evidently intending to make a supper of its occupant. The bird could have easily escaped through the open door, but it was evidently not averse to battle, and flew straight at the rat.

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A spirited combat, witnessed by Dr. Wayt
and a friend, ensued. The bird pounced upon
the rat and pecked at its eyes. The rat bit at
the bird, but the latter was so active that the
rat succeeded only in nipping the ends of its
feathers. The bird's point of attack was always the eyes of the rat, and it soon had the
rodent's face covered with blood. The rat finally endeavored to escape from the cage, but
was so blinded that he ran against the wire
work several times before he found the door.
But having reached the outside, he was too
much weakened to dash off, and was followed
by the bird, which soon pecked both eyes out,
and did not cease its warfare until the rat
tumbled over dead.

# BE IS A STAYER.

A Man Who Has Been in Office Holder for Thirty-Two Years. CAMDEN, March 31 .- This city boasts of the rize office holder of the century, and is will-

ing to back him against all comers. It is William Tatem, or "Grandpa Bill," as he is better known. He served two years as a member of known. He served two years as a member of
the Legislature; six years as County Collector:
five years as County Clerk; two years as Provoet
Marshal, and 17 as Collector of Internal Revenue for the First district of New Jersey, a
position paying \$2,500 a year, making a continnous stretch of \$2 years of office bolding.

Mr. Tatem is now a candidate for his old
position of Collector of Internal Revenue. He
knows more people in Camden county than any
other man in the district.

# TWO CHILDREN ELOPE.

Sixteen-Year-Old William Scheller Skips With Pretty Little Mary Hochn. EVANSVILLE, IND., March 31-A nove EVANSVILLE, IND., March 31.—A novel elopement which occurred in this city was brought to light this afternoon. William Scheller, a German boy, 16 years of age, had fallen in love with pretty Mary Hoehn, one year younger than himself. They had been allowed to play together with the utmost free-dom, the parents little dreaming that they meditated such a serious step as matrimony. On last Sunday afternoon the youthful lovers disappreared, and have not been seen or heard disappeared, and have not been seen or heard of since. The matter has been kept very secret, but leaked out to-day.

# " DEATHS OF A DAY.

NEW YORK, March 21. - John A. Duff, the well-enown theatrical manager, died at 7 o'clock this morning at his home, No. 23 West Tenth street.

morning at his home, No. 25 West Touth street, He was attacked with a stroke of paralysis in the box office of the Standard Theater, of which he was manager, just before the opening of the matinee performance yesterday, fulling from a chair, and to all appearances, lifeless. An ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the New York Hospital and thencato his home. An examination by the family physician disclosed that he was suffering from appoplexy and paralysis of the left side. He was speciniess. Mr. Duff was born in Ireland © years ago and came to this country at an early day. He leaves a wife and four sons and three daughters, all of whom were at his bedside when he died.

Colonel Richard H. Alexander. LOS ANGELES, March 31.-Lieutenant Colone

### YESTERDAY'S DISPATCH.

The Mean Sun Explained-A Difficult Brief Summary of Lending Features of the Problem-Measuring Distance by Millious of Miles-Venus Waning-Jupiter

Getting Interesting-The Moon's Doings. IWRITTEN POR THE DISPATCH.1 The sun still continues to move northward, bringing longer days and warmer weather. His altitude increases during the month from 54° 21' on the 1st to 64° 32' on the 30th, while the day increases in length by I hour 13 minutes. About the middle of the month the sun leaves the zodiacal constellation Pisces and enter

BRIGHT APRIL STARS.

April 5. It will be noticed that the sun does not cross the meridian exactly at our noon. Since we are using Eastern standard time, this is really the tine in Philadelphia at which the sun crosses our meridian, making a difference of 20 minutes; in addition to this, the sun's apparent motion, caused by the real motion of the earth in its orbit, is not uniform, owing to the earth in its orbit, is not uniform, owing to the eccentricity of the earth's orbit. This may not be fully understood, but it has the effect of making the sun sometimes ahead of time and sometimes behind, the difference being as great as 15 minutes in February and November. As a subject to have clocks and as to minutes in Fentuary and November. As it would be impossible to have clocks and watches keep up with such a sun, astronomers have invented a fictitious sun, called the mean sun, which travels at an absolutely constant rate, keeping near the true sun, being some-times shead of it and sometimes behind it, and it is to the motion of this theoretical mean or average sun that our clocks and watches con-form.

A Little Matter of Measurement. The sun's distance on the 1st is 92,800,000 miles, and his apparent, diameter 32' 04" changing to 93,500,000 miles and 31' 49" on the 30th. The distance of the sun is one of the most im portant things an astronomer needs to know, since this is the standard to which all other distances, except that of the moon, are referred, and if it were found that the accepted istance of the sun was incorrect, the dimenions of the whole solar system would have to be altered. Unfortunately, this problem is one of the most difficult the astronomer has to solve, and it has not yet been solved with the accuracy desirable, although a great deal of time and money have been spent upon its solutime and money have been spent upon its solution. Several plans have been used. The most natural one, which serves admirably to determine the distance of the moon, is that which a surveyor would use to determine the distance of an inaccessible object, such as a tree on the other side of a river. He would proceed to ky off a base line of a certain length, and having measured at each extremity of the base line the angle which the tree made with the other end, he could, by a simple trigonometrical computation, find the distance of the tree. But the surveyor would want a base line at least one-hundredth as long as the distance to the object. Now the longest base line the astronomer can employ in measuring the tance to the object. Now the longest base line the astronomer can employ in measuring the sun's distance is only 8,000 miles, the diameter of the earth, while the sun is nearly 100,000,000 miles away. He must therefore make measures to determine an angle of 20° with the greatest accuracy. The problem is the same as determining the distance of an object two miles away with a base line a foot long. Of course the desired accuracy could not be attained in such a dertermination, and so the astronomer has had recourse to other methods, among which may be mentioned observations of the transits of Venus, of Mars near opposition, of the ecipses of Jupiter's satellites, and of the motion of the moon. A comparison of all the determinations of the sun's distance, by various methods, shows considerable diversity, but the true distance caunot be far from 92,500,000 miles.

Morning and Evening Stars. Mercury cannot be seen during April excep with a good telescope. He is morning star until the 25th, at 2 A. M., when he passes be yond the sun and becomes evening star. His apparent diameter is 5° 6' on the 1st, 5° 0' on the 15th, and 5° 2' on the 30th.

Venus now shines unrivaled in the evening sky, making her appearance a few minutes af ter sunset and continuing visible for severa hours. She will not long maintain her post soon of the morning the sun, and will fade from view altogether in the latter part of the month as she passes between us and Old Soi, only to reappear on his western side soon after as morning star. This inferring soon after as morning star. This inferior conjunction, as it is called, takes place our the 30th at 9 P. M. At these inferior conjunctions the declinations of the sun and Venus are generally considerably different, so that the planet passes north or south of the sun, as in the present case, the sun being 15° 05° north and Venus 19° 25′ north. But if they have about the same declination. Venus will be seen to pass directly over the sun's disk as a black spot. This phenomenon is called a transit, and is of great interest to astronomers, as it has been thought to offer the best means for determining the sun's distance. They take place but rarely, at intervals of 105½ and 8 years, and 121½ and 8 years. The last two, in 1874 and 1882, were observed at great expense by private parties and by expeditions fitted out by the principal Governments. The next transit of Venus will not occur until 1988, when the sun's distance will probably have been so well determined by other methods that it will not be an event of so great interest.

The phase of Venus is a standar creatory.

interest.

The phase of Venus is a slender crescent, which will grow thinner and thinner until the inferior conjunction on the 30th. Her apparent diameter on the 1st is 43.2" and her distance 30,000,000 miles; on the 30th, 59,6" and 27,000,000 miles; on the 30th, 59,6" and 57,000,000 miles; on the 30th, 59,000 miles; on the 30th, 50th, 50th

R. A. Declination. Transits. Sets. April 5...25 55m., 23° 34' north 2:21 F. M. 9:52 F. M. April 15...25 55m., 23° 39' north 1:40 F. M. 9:01 F. M. April 25...25 30m., 21° 38' north 0:44 F. M. 5:15 F. M. Mars is still evening star, but far away and of little interest. As the earth and Mars are more nearly the same distance from the sun than is the case with the earth and any of the than is the case with the earth and any of the other superior planets, they travel at more nearly the same rate, and thus maintain about the same relative positions for a longer time. The interval between successive oppositions of Mars is about 780 days, while the oppositions of Saturn occur at intervals of about 378 days.

The apparent diameter of Mars is 4.2" and his distance about 225,000,000 miles.

R. A. Declination. Transits. Sets. April 5. 2h. 12m. 13° 18' north 1:50 P. M. 8:35 P. M. April 15. 2h. 4tm. 13° 44' north 1:55 P. M. 8:24 P. M. April 25. 3h. 69m. 17° 54' north 1:14 P. M. 8:22 P. M.

Jupiter Easy to be Seen. Jupiter is now getting into good position for observation. He rises soon after midnight, and reaches a sufficient altitude in two or three hours for a view of his belts and satellites The great red spot on the planet is still visible in large telescopes, and is being carefully ob-served to determine the period of Jupiter's axial rotation, with a view of comparing this value with other values obtained from other

apots.
On the 1st the apparent diameter of Jupiter is 37" and his distance 505,000,000 miles; on the 30th, 40" and 458,000,000 miles. 30th, 40" and 48,000,000 miles.

H. A. Drellination. Rises. Transits.

Apr. 5 18h 32m, 22° 50' south. 1:28 A.M. 5:38 A.M.

Apr. 16, 18h 32m, 22° 55' south. 6:37 A.M. 5:28 A.M.

Apr. 26, 18h 32m, 22° 55' south. 6:37 A.M. 5:27 A.M.

Saturn is evening star, and can still be well seen, asthough he is receding from the earth. He is just on the border line between Cancer and Leo, about 15° west of Regulus, the leading star of that constellation. His apparent diameter decreases from 18.2" on the 18t to 17.2" on the 30th.

on the 30th.

16. A. Declination. Rises. Transits.

Apr. 5. 99.65m. 17° 54′ north. 1:29 P.M. 8:27 P.M.

Apr. 15. 58.65m. 17° 54′ north. 0:30 P.M. 7:38 P.M.

Apr. 25. 59.65m. 17° 55′ north. 0:30 P.M. 7:39 P.M.

Uranus is in good position for observation, as he is at opposition to the sun at noon on the 5th of the month. He is in the constellation Virgo about 3° north of Spica.

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Fransite. Apr. 5, 13h, 15m. 7° 15' south, 7:00 F.M. 00:41 A. M. Apr. 15, 13h, 14m. 7° 16' south, 7:00 F.M. 01:41 A. M. Apr. 25, 13h, 14m. 6° 55' south, 5:00 F.M. 11:15 F.M. Neptune is far away and uninteresting. He is in the constellation Taurus, in right ascension 3h 55m and declination 18° 43' north. His apparent diameter is 2.5".

#### The Phases of the Moon The moon presents the following phases: ...April 8, 2P. M ...April 15, 10 P. M ...April 22, 3P. M ...April 30, 2A. M

From the New Orleans Picsyune.] Someone says John Wanamaker began life without a dollar in his pocket. There is nothing strange about that. Lots of young chaps had no pockets as well as no dollars, when they

## LEGISLATIVE AMENITIES.

Debate-Capital Notes.

Courtesies in Debate.

Mammoth Double Number. Full details of the disaster at Samoa sho that a dozen vessels were wrecked in the terri-ble storm, and that the loss of life was even HARRISBURG, March 31 .- Whatever may o can be said of legislators and legislation at Harrisburg, at least one fact is conspicuous: greater than at first reported. General Bou-langer's illness is said to have been caused by a boil on his neck. The German Emperor is laboring industriously to improve his army. Never in history did a more agreeable body under all circumstances do business for the Com-monwealth. Persons familiar with many Leg-islatures say there has been a continued change

The Government measure to restrict the liberty of the press in Germany is meeting with great opposition, and it is thought that the Reichstag for the better in their composition. The last Legislature was an improvement over the preopposition, and it is mought that the techniques may defeat it. Strikes are prevalent throughout the Empire, and serious trouble is feared. The Disparch's foreign correspondent gave a new and interesting account of the events which led to the suicide of Prince Adolf, of ceding one, and this is an improvement over there is an amount of courtesy and ba Austria. Eighteen lives were lost in a collision

of steamers at Ostend.

The second attempt to get the nomination of Murat Haistend confirmed by the Senate was unsuccessful, and violent attacks from unex-pected sources were made on the Cincinnati editor. Several Republican Senators, in-cluding Mr. Quay. voted for his rejection. The Commercial Gazette, of Cincinnati, publishes an editorial in which Senators are accused of disgracing their office. Louisville has got a pipe line, and her citizens are speculating wildly in natural gas stocks. The failure to indict Dudley is bitterly denounced by Judge Woods, an Indianapolis Republican. The attacks on Mary Anderson, which preceded her illness, are supposed to have been instigated by another actress from motives of jealousy. An interesting review of the condition of the oil industry in this state was published in the news columns. The cream of the current news of surrounding towns, editorials, market re-views, the music world and other regular departments were as complete and attractive as

Two prominent citizens of Allegheny have been arrested, charged with being concerned in the attempted bribery of councilmen. It is expected that other arrests will follow. A full story of the sensational disclosures was published. Andrew Carnegie's gift of a public library was formally turned over to the au-thorities of Braddock. Mr. Carnegie was present and delivered an able address, in which he discussed the industrial interests of this section at length. The speech, which was given in full, is worthy of the careful perusa of every Pittsburger. The hearing of appli cants for retail licenses in Pittsburg and Alle

gheny was concluded. --The sporting columns contained a full report of the prize fight between Joe Lannon and Jack Ashton in Rhode Island. Lannon was de-feated after a closely fought battle of 19 ounds. The records of the two American ball teams abroad was given, together with a complete summary of sporting events at home and

A choice assortment of literary matter of high standard was contained in the second, part. It included the final chapters of Maurice Thompson's fascinating novel; Bill Nye's application to John Wanamaker for a suit of lothes and a postoffice; Frank G. Carpenter's letter from China, descriptive of the barbarous cruelties inflicted upon criminals in the Celes-tial Empire; Mrs. Frank Leslie's paper on the entertaining theme of "Women's Ages;" Henry Haynie's pen pictures of scenes in the Paris Bourse; Captain King's story of exciting conflicts with Western Indians; a description of Whitelaw Reid's mansion from the pen of Mary Gay Humphries; Clara Belle's letter; E. W. Brady's historical sketch of several noted Vice Presidents; remarks o social customs by the author of "Don't"; the sectat customs by the author of Bon't the eccentricities and peculiarities of the Cubans, sketched by Beverly Crump; Gail Hamilton's defense of the doctrine of miracles; Rev. George Hodges on the "Influence of Associates;" Frank Fern's account of the origin and growth of spiritualism; a special article, de-scriptive of the gymnastic exercises practiced by New York women to develop their form Thoughts;" a paper on the Territorial Paradise Oklahoma, and many other entertaining fer

## A HUNTER'S VALUABLE PRIZE.

Gold on Its Horns. . Something like the excitement over alleged discoveries of gold in Lower California is attending similar news from the Transvaal, i South Africa. The diggings there are reported to be enormously rich, and a swarm of pros-pectors is flocking to the field. As revealing a hitherto unsuspected vein of imagination and lightsome humor on the part of the Boers, the current story of the discovery of the gold field is interesting. It was first published in the

Transvaal Advertiser.

A well-known resident of the republic, it is said, while out hunting one morning, saw a koodoo bult, which he tried to st. lk. After he had slightly wounded the animal, and while he was riding after it down a stony declivity, his horse stumbled, he was thrown, and his ridle was broken. At this the koodoo turned and atwas broken. At this the koodoo turned and attacked the man, knocking him down and attacked the man, knocking him down and attempting to kneel on him. By holding the animal's forclezs the man kept the buck upright, but the animal's bras had evidently entered the hank for some distance and its head was held down close upon the man's breast. The animal seemed as anxious as the man to get the horns loose, but was evidently helpless, the horns loose, but was evidently helpless, the horns being held fast in the ground. Held thus, unable to move, man and beast remained in the broiling sun all that day. At nightfall jackals and wolves came prowling about, and even brushed against the man and sprang upon the buck.

But the yells of the man and the kicks of the buck kept them away until dawn, when they

But the yells of the man and the kicks of the buck kept them away until dawn, when they slunk away. Soon after daylight a rifle shot was heard and a bullet slightly wounded the man in the forehead. By waving his handkerchief and shouting he prevented further firing, and the hunter, who had at first seen only the buck, came up and learned the real situation. Wishing to take the animal allve he hurried eff to the nearest farm and brought men with ropes and shovels, who bound the buck and extricated the man. But when the horns were at last freed there was found upon each a mass of metal, whic's, being removed, proved to be nuggets of gold weighing respectively eight and six and one-half pounds. This led to the discovery of a rich gold field. Any one doubting the entire accuracy of this story can make further inquiries at the office of the Transvaal Advertiser.

# THE ATCHISON IN STRAITS.

Bank Refuses to Renew Its Notes and Disquietude Results. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1

Rosron, March 31 .-- Atchison was the caus of some disquietude on State street yesterday, of some disquieting on State street yesterday, because the company for some reason sought the renewal of a couple of notes for \$10,000, more or less, held by the City Bank of New York and maturing about April 1. The bank was averse to renewing them and they were otherwise provided for. As to the financial position of the company, it goes without saying that the light traffic receipts are enhancing somewhat the difficulties of company transciering. inanciering. It had been hoped that the advance in trans

portation rates would add to the revenues ere this, but the gain in charges has been fully off-set by the loss in tonnage, and the end of March brings no improvement in the situation. It has required 80 per cent of the 87,000,000 guarantee fund and the sale of treasury assets provide for the obligations maturing up t d including April I.

#### HELPED TO CATCH JEFF DAVIS. A Philadelphia Veteran Who Wears Medal for a Historic Act.

From the Philadelphia Record.]

Caspar Knobel, who enjoys the distinction having been one of the 14 Union soldiers who captured Jefferson Davis at the close of the war, appeared at the Orphans' Court office on Thursday and secured a license from Clerk Bird allowing him to marry Annie Stoll, a widow.
Mr. Knobel is an Austrian by birth, and lives at No. 2824 Coral street. On his watch chain he wears a gold medal bearing the inscription; "One of the 14 who captured Jefferson Davis and faunly May 14, 1885; Fourth Michigan Cavarry, Colonel Pritchard."

#### Consolution for Haistend. From the Chicago News. J Courage, Murat! If you are forced to stay at home you at least can have lots of fun with the

fellows who don't like you. Besides, Bismarck smokes a great horrid pipe and is getting old and somewhat stuffy. You can extract more solid enjoyment out of stray chats with Andy Hickenlooper and Deacon Smith than you could in formal discourse with Otto of the Iron

It Would Certainly Collapse. From the Chicago Tribuine. 2 What would become of the Whisky Trust if John L. Sullivan and ax-Senator Riddleberger should swear off simultaneously?

Union Jacks. This Body is an Improvement Over Any of To the Editor of The Dispatch: Its Predecessors-Courtesy the Rule in ensigns called Union Jacks.

ALLEGHENY, March 30.

[The United States has not; Great Britain s a Union Jack. The Union Jack bears on a blue ground the red cross of St. George for England, the white diagonal cross of St. An-drew for Scotland, and the red diagonal cross of St. Patrick for Ireland. The original Union of St. Patrick for Ireland. The original Union Jack was adopted in 1696, three years after James VI., of Scotland, became King of England, and consisted of the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. The name Jack is said to be a corruntion of the word Jacobua, Jaques or James. The flag was adopted 101 years before the twokingdoms were united; during that time they were separate kingdoms, with, as it happened, one ruler. In 1801, when Ireland was "taken into the union," the cross of St. Patrick was added. Our Jack bears 38 or 42 stars, typical of our States, and may properly be called a Union Jack, only it isn't so called; and any "Union Jack" casually mentioned must be understood to mean a British ensign.] From the Speaker down to the smallest page nere is an amount of courtesy and harmony never exceeded in so large a body. Members differ about bills and express their differences, sometimes forcibly, it is true, but personali-ties are decidedly the exception and are not regarded with fayor. The Speaker en-courages the somewhat fartes and facility that courages the somewhat fraternal feeling that prevails by his uniform impartiality. Members

A Street Improvement Suggestion. o the Editor of The Dispatch:

have little to complain of from the gentlema in the chair, even when his patience is sorel tried at times by the failure of the House t keep order during the consideration of impoi tant legislation, or while the roll is bein I see by a recent number of your valuable paper that the Department of Public Works contemplate using those power sweepers. This is a move in the right direction. Now, let the department go a step further and place in use called.

No distinction is made between Democrats and Republicans, and pleasant relations are thereby maintained between the majority and the minority. So far is this carried that the Speaker, frequently, when he leaves the chair, puts a Democrat in his place. department go a step further and place in use in the unpayed districts horse-power rollers and scrapers for rapidly smoothing down the roads in the spring, and at such times in the winter as they may be available. One heavy roller, drawn by six or eight horses and crushing down a track six feet wide, will accomplish more work on mud roads) in one day than 100 men. While it may not be the policy of the street department to encourage the continuance of mud roads, yet so long as the city is extending its limits into new territories, we shall have them, and it is certainly due a large and very respectable portion of the community who reside in the unpayed sections that some speedy and economical method should be resorted to render their streets and avenues passable in the shortest possible time. A. W. SMITH.

MT. WASHINGTON, March 30. Opponents in debate, as a rule, are most courteous to each other, and on very few occasions has party feeling been appealed to by members on the Republican side. On at least two occasions when it was done it resulted disastrously to the object for which they were solicitous. The Democrats have carefully abstained from anything of the kind. On the part of the minority, if they desire any legisla-tion for the benefit of their constituents, this is good policy.

Republicans, on the other hand, can afford

to be magnanimous in view of their large ma jority, and, as a party, frown down any attempt of any individual member to "rub it in" on To the Editor of The Dispatch:
Please state for the benefit of some of your readers how the postmaster at McKeesport is appointed. Does the postmaster at Pittsburg have a certain district in which to appoint, or is our postmaster and all others appointed by the Postmaster General?

McKeesport, March 30.

of any individual member to "rub it in" on the opposition. Democrats are listened to with attention when they speak, and no men are more popular in the House than some of them who might be named.

The influence some Democrats have on legislation, in the light of what has been stated, is less remarkable than it might otherwise appear. It was the personal popularity of that stalwart and gallant Democrat, Captain Skinner, of Fulton, and that alone, that won for his eloquence the consideration that resulted in placing "the border raids bill" on the calendar by a large majority, and that won for it 60 votes on the final struggle, when it was defeated with many regrets on the part of the opponents that they couldn't carry friendship to the extreme of enacting the measure into a law. [Postmasters for first, second and third class offices are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. For fourth class offices the First Assistant Postmaster General makes the appointments. The Pittsburg postmaster can only make recommendations, and anybody else has the same right.]

### The Planchette.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Can you tell me something about the size,

etc., of the chimpanzee, Crowley, which died at New York some time ago? STUDENT, TITUSVILLE, March 30.

[Crowley's brain weighed 404 grammes, about

4 ounces, and is the largest and oldest chim

To the Editor of The Dispatch: What are the meaning and pronunciation of

the words de luxe, as applied to an edition of a book?

[An expensive and handsome edition, Give

the words the French pronunciation and

Referred to Gas Experts.

foot of gas, at 16 ounces pressure, were expanded to two bubbs feet what would be its pressure? Or if compressed to 22 ounces pressure, what would be its cubic dimensions?

ALLEGHENY, March 30.

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Revolutions is What You Mean.

Will you please say whether the word evolu-tion is correct as used in the following sentence:

The Law Says He Must be 21.

It is claimed that an American born citize

In 1859.

In what year was Miss Mary Anderson born PITTSBURG, March 30. P. W. F.

STORY OF THE CARMELITES.

Four Friars of the Order to Take Charge

of Dr. McGlynn's Old Parish.

The arrival of the four Irish Carmelites on

SINGULAR DOUBLE CURE.

A Surgical Operation Makes a Good Boy

Out of a Bad One.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

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rom the New York Sun.1

FAIRVIEW, W. VA., March 30.

panzee brain on record.1

To the Editor of The Dispaten: Can you tell me something about Planchette BUTLER. March 30. READER. Short Speeches. Gentlemen who are pitted against each other |Planchette was a small heart-shaped board; in the oratorical arena, since the five-minute t rested on three legs, whereof that in the rule has been adopted, are the first on their feet when the Speaker's gavel falls to move point of the heart was a lead pencil. A sheet of paper was placed on a table; on this planthat "the gentleman's time be extended." Nothing so operates to disarm wrath or rob venom of its sting as little things like these.

The molasses candy of everyday life is much nicer than its vinegar, and the former circulates to a much larger extent than the latter in this "model Legislature." chette was placed, and on planchette the oper-ator placed his hand. In course of time plan-chette would begin to move, writing answers to questions put to it, etc.1

## One Peculiar Thing.

One of the peculiar things of the present s sion is the action of the advocates of the bill giving corporations the right of eminent domain over the property of other corporations. Perhaps it would be more accurate to refer to their conspicuous inaction.
On Monday night last the correspondent of

THE DISPATCH asked Chairman Brooks, of the Railroad Committee, what had become of

the biii.

"It is still in committee," he replied.

"When will it be reported?"

"I can't say," he responded. "Consideration has been postponed because the people in tavor of it want another hearing. They have asked this from time to time and of course their request has been granted, Otherwise the bill would have been reported long ago."

"Isn't it rather late in the session to do anything with it, if it is reported?"

"Yes, perhaps it is. But it would seem discourteous not to give the friends of a measure courteous not to give the friends of a measure all the opportunities they seek to explain it, and we have held back just on their account." The next evening a party of Pittsburgers appeared here and talked in favor of the bill before the committee. The succeeding day a gentleman connected with the Baltimore and Ohio,

of the bill.

But one delegation, and that composed of Allegheny Valley Railroad officials, has appeared against the bill, and a member of the committee binted recently that the advocates of the measure really didn't want it passed, but merely want to play with it to frighten the Val-ley people into yielding to the demands of the Junction road.

For the Centennial. The resolution to take the Governor and his staff and the Legislature to New York's Washington Centennial at the expense of the Comonwealth, passed the House some time ago and is now before the Senate. Senator Rev burn has been investigating the matter of hotel accommodations at New York, and finds that, at no one place can accommodations be secured for more than 50 persons unless the Coney Island hotels are opened. Therefore the plan

Island hotels are opened. Therefore the plan of going in sleeping cars and using them while at the celebration is greatly favored. The Centennial observance will last some days, and the expense of the trip would probably not be less than \$15,000.

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A CANDLE FOR CUTTING HAIR.

An English Idea Adopted by the Barbers of the Metropells.

From the New York Sun...

It is interesting to see how a whim grows. In London some of the swell barbers have discovered that no matter how cleverly they cut a man's hair, the selssors would miss some of the long hairs or the comb would not happen to take them all up. It was found that if a taper was lighted and run around the subject's head after the hair cutting, the flame would seize these single long hairs, and the result would be a monoth, even Job.

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That idea, on being transported to this country, was recommended as the only known way to promote a new growth of hair on heads becoming bald. With that idea singeing is having a great run in this city just now, and no one seems to reason out the fact that as the flame does not touch the scalp it cannot influence the dead roots of the missing hair.

Sweet the song of the thrush at dawning. A distinguished physician of this city tells of weet the sound of the brook's low whisper
'Mid reeds and rushes wandering through; a recent case in his practice that has certain features of interest. Iwa household of this city, says the New York Sun, there was a boy of a Clear and pure is the west wind's murmur, That croons in the branches all day long: But the songs unsuing are the sweetest music, And the dreams that die are the soul of song 12 who possessed many excellent qualities, being amiable, truthful and upright, Passing ing amiable, truthful and upright. Passing along the street one day a piece of board fell from the second story of a bouse that was being built, and struck him, inflicting a wound on his head. After a time the wound healed and left merely a slight sear. But it soon afterward appeared that the boy had undergone an unaccountable change of character. He had become a liar and a thief, and was almost brutal in his nature. At last the parents consulted the physician to whom we have referred, and wfo made a study of the case. He finally suggested that the boy should be trephined, in order to ascertain if any injury had been done to the brain when the skull was struck.

When the operation had been performed in the vicinity of the scar it was found that a splint from the inside of the skull had plerced the brain. After the splint had been carefully removed and the wound properly dreased the boy rapidly recovered. To the delight of his parents it was then made apparent that the evil traits which had been brought into play by some unknown means had disappeared. He was changed again, and was once more the amiable, truthful and upright boy that he had been before he was wounded. "This case," said the distinguished physician who narrated the facts of it, "would be remarkable if the medical books were not full of similar cases." The fairest hope is the one which faded, The brightest leaf is the leaf which fell; The song that leaped from the lips of sirens Dies away in an old sea shell.
Far to the heights of viewless fancy
The soul's swift flight like a swallow goes.
For the note unheard is the bird's best carel,
And the bud unblown is the reddest rose. Deepest thoughts are the ones unspoken, That only the heart sense, listening, he Most great joys bring a touch of silence, What we hear is the floctest echo, A song dies out, but a dream lives ou; The rose-red tints of the rarest morning Are lingering yet in a distant dawn. Somewhere, dim in the days to follow,

Somewhere, dim in the days to follow,
And far away in the life to be.
Passing sweet is a song of gladness,
The apirit chant of a soul set free.
Chords untouched are the ones we wait for,
That never rise from the heart unstrung;
We turn our steps to the years beyond us,
And listen still for the songs unsung.
—Brucet McGoguy in Nebraska State Journal

### OUR MAIL POUCH.

-Queen Victoria has decided to have ectricity replace candles in Windsor Castle.

—"If I knock three times on the coffin lid Have the United States and Great Britain during the church service you must let me out," said James Dailey, of Providence, as he was nearing his end the other day. Everybody waited and listened, but James did not signal, and the burial went on. If he forgot it the fault was his own.

-An old saddle which had been kicking around in a Nashville harness shop for several years was ripped up the other day and found to contain \$1.809 in Confederate money. If the owner of the shop could only have found the prize is March, 1886, he could have bought a breakfast and three cigars.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A month ago Miss Lucy Roseberry, of Slatington, Pa., announced that she would open a boarding house. A day or two ago she stated that she had abandoned the project and was going to marry a Philadelinia grocer. The husband that is to be advertised for a wife; a correspondence, an exchange of photographs and an engagement resulted in a very brief

-A gentleman in Albany made a purchase in a drug store a few days ago. The clerk tied up the package and inadvertently eglected to cut off the twine. The purchases carelessly put the package in an inside cost pocket and left the store. He had gone nearly a block when a passer-by notices the string trailing behind him. He had unwound nearly a ball of twine without knowing it.

-A novel branch of learning has been introduced into the higher grades of the publie schools of New Haven. It consists of a bulletin board, upon which are pasted each day clippings of important home and foreign news taken from the newspapers. Special attention is given to matters brought up in connection with the study of history or geography. The pupils take a great interest in the "bulletin," and vie with one another in bringing the great-est number of items which are suitable to be pasted.

-In 1880 some 30 young women in Berlin started an Old Maids' Club, with a provision for a fine of 1,000 marks upon everyone who married. The club was a great success, but suddenly an epidemic of marriage set in and at suddenly an epidemic of marriage set in and at the annual meeting this year only one member was left, and she felt herself called upon to dispose of 28,000 marks, the accumulation of the fines paid by the former members. She took the advice of the ex-members, and it was de-cided that half the sum should go to a hespital and that the sollitary old maid should have the rest for herself.

-An English statistician makes the following curious estimates: Each year 15 people out of every 1,000 marry. Of each 1,000 men who marry 861 are bachelors and 138 are widwho marry 861 are bachelors and 138 are wid-owers, while of each 1,000 women only 98 have been married before and 902 are spinsters. Twelve marriages out of every 100 are second marriages. The average age at which men marry is about 27, while the average age at which women marry is about 25 years. Out of every 1,000 persons 602 are unmarried, 345 are mar-ried and 53 are widowed. Over one-half of all the women between 16 and 45 are unmarried.

-The mail route between Woodstock and Bridgewater, Vt., a distance of six miles, appears to be a star route that does not need a Congressional investigation, but does deserve ome notice. For the last four years it has cost Uncle Sam only 4 cents for a daily mail cost Uncle Sam only 4 cents for a daily mais service on this route, and for the ensuing four years 1 cent is to pay for the same service. If warrants are drawn quarterly they will call for only one-sixteenth of a cent each, and the contractor will have to wait four years, or until he has received 16 warrants, before he can draw his cash. William Billings, who is believed by his friends to have seen more years of stage-driving than any other man now living, is to carry the mail over this route.

-The "pigs" in "Pigs in Clover" are the ordinary marbles, or "migs," with which the festive small boy doth disport himself in the springtime, and thereby hangs a tale. There are nearly 30,000 of these fascinating pusses manufactured daily, and as there are four pigs manufactured daily, and as there are four pigs-for each one, the enormous number of 115.200 marbles are used daily in making up the pig-driving outfit. This phenomenal demand for little jokers consequent upon the advent of the new puzzle, has caused the dealers in marbles and those having a supply on band, to become piggish, and the price has doubted already, and is still rising and efforts are being made to "corner" the market. This country has been treated to corners of all kinds, but a corner in "migs" is unique.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

When the old drifts of the Opnir many.

What is the comparative relation of bulk to density in gas? Or, in other words, if a cubic foot of gas, at 16 ounces pressure, were exfound that a tremendous growth of fungt had in some places nearly closed the passages. It grew from top and bottom, and the sides were dotted with it; but the fungi growing from the bottom was different from the other. The foot-wall fungi had in several instances raised stones weighing from 50 to 150 pounds, and some were held in the air at a height of over three feet. Some of the fungi resembled human hair, they were so fine: some were five or six feet long and as large as a broom handle; another kind terminated in a sort of bulbous blossom; others hung from the roof and looked like serpents. The heaviest growth was in the darkest parts.

How many evolutions will a 9-foot wheel make in a journey of 35 miles? F. B. McKeesport, March 30. -A gentleman was riding to Americas. Ga., a day or so ago, when an old negro woman. with a scared look, ran from her house, saying:
"Boss, is you got a gun in your pocket?" "No," can vote at a regular election of he is within one day of being 21 years old. Is the statement correct? "Boss, is you got a gun in your pockets" "No," replied the gentleman; "what's the matter?" "Yee!, yer see dat jay bird up dar?" "Yes." "Well, dat jay bird come dar when my old man dice; an' he peck an' he holler; den my old man die—den dat same jay bird cum dar two yers atter, he pecks an' he hollers, and my little gal dics. Den las' yer he cum, and he go fro de same akshun, an' sum onerous rascal steal all mi chicken; den he cums to-day, an' if yer doan shoot him old Sallie be ded 'fore mornin'." He took a pistol and fired at the bird and the old woman shouted: "Bless de Lord, yer duss skeer de debble away dis time suah."

-A curious cause of death has recently nean recorded in India. A native who was fishing in a stream caught a flat, cel-like fish, about 15 to 16 inches in length. Being desirous The arrival of the four Irish Carmelites on Thursday, which was announced in the Sun, to take charge of a portion of St. Stephen's, Dr. McGlynn's old parish, excites interest as to their history and mode of life, as they are the only representatives of the order in the arch-diocese. They came from the headquarters of the Irish province, Whitefiar street, Dublin. They are one of the oldest and strictest orders in the Church. Berthold, a crusader in the middle of the twelfth century, became a monk to carry, out a vow which he had made that if victorious in battle he would embrace the religious life. He settled on Mount Carmel in Palestine, the home of the Prophet Elias, with ten brothers, and is considered to have been

# SIFTED AND SORTED.

"All stuff," says the tricky politician when he reads about the ballot-box being tam-

Many's hapless man has attempted to kick an old hat lying in the street April Fool's Day and found a brick in it. There is a growing impression that Secretary Blaine has found Grand-father's Hat loaded. Prison Missionary-What are you in for,

riend? Convict (bitterly)—Just for missing a train. Nonsense, No nonsense, sir. I missed a train for Montreal. Talkative Tommy.-Tommy - O, Miss tuckup, what do you think ma said about your

Miss Stuckup-I don't know. Tommy-Why, she said it was a perfect fright, but it don't scare me worth a cent. Not a Bad Idea.-Smith-Another ocean steamer has run down a fabling smack on the Newfoundland banks. Is there no way by which these accidents can be averted? Jones-Certainly there is. Name the occan steamers after the detectives. They rarely run

down anything. Argumentum Ad Hominem .- Philosophic bore—If you will listen to me for ten minutes I'll prove to you that the theory of the servival of the fittest is correct. Sarcastic sufferer—If that theory is correct, how is it that you manage to survive? Explain that,

please, before you go any fifther. A Chance for Guppy .- Mr. Gruff-Have rou been to see "Midsummer Night's Dream" at

the theater, Guppy?
Guppy-Naw, but I hear that the aw-leading lady is a beauty. She might aw-full in love with me if I went. Ha!-ha!
Shouldn't wonder. In the play she falls in love with an ass. A chance for you, Guppy. Two of a Kind .- Shultz-Do you see that dog of mine over there?
Milter-Yes, I see him. Right smart looking

fou bet he is. That dog has got more sense than I have.
Is that so? Well, some years ago I had a degjust like that dog of yours, still he hadn't sense emough

to go in out of the rain. An Insult to Whoop Valley City.-Da-An Insult to Whoop Valley City.—Da-kota District Attorney—Say, there's a young felicy moseyin' round town sellin's a book called "How to Estertain an Evening Party Pleasantly." Be we goin' to have it look 'sif we didn't know how to play draw poker in Whoop Valley City? County Treasarer—Not by a doggoned sight! I'll go right up to the Court House and have Judge Brasshnuckle adjourn court and get the rope ready!

-All from Tonas Siftings